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Novena Devotions

Hymn to Our Lady

For Those in the Service

Mary guard our brave defenders
In the air, on land and sea.
Keep them ever near to Jesus,
And, sweet Mother, close to thee.

Mary help them, help we pray—
All our loved ones, night and day.
Bring us peace and, dearest Mother,
Bring our boys home safe, we pray.

One of the following prayers will be recited at each service. The entire congregation will recite the prayers aloud.
Pause at the *

1

Behold at Thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help, * a wretched sinner who has recourse to Thee and confides in Thee. * O Mother of mercy, have pity on me. * I hear Thee called by all * the refuge and the hope of sinners; * be then, my refuge and my hope. * Assist me for the love of Jesus Christ; * stretch forth Thy hand to a miserable, fallen creature * who recommends himself to Thee, * and who devotes himself to Thy service forever. * I bless and I thank Almighty God, * Who in His mercy has given me this confidence in Thee, * which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. * It is true, dearest Mother, * that in the past I have

miserably fallen into sin * because I had not recourse to Thee. * I know, however, that with Thy help I shall conquer, * I know, too, that Thou wilt assist me * if only I recommend myself to Thee. * But I fear, dear Mother, * that in time of danger * I may neglect to call on Thee and thus lose my soul. * This grace, then, I ask of Thee, and this I beg with all the fervor of my soul, * that in all the attacks of hell * I may ever have recourse to Thee. * O Mary, help me; * O Mother of Perpetual Help, never suffer me to lose my God.

Nine Hail Marys—

Priest. Pray for us, O Mother of Perpetual Help.

People. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest. LET US PRAY: O Lord Jesus

Christ, Who hast given us Thine own Mother Mary, whose glorious image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to come to our help; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, unceasingly imploring her motherly help, may merit always to experience the fruit of Thy Redemption. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

2

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * grant that I may ever invoke Thy most powerful name, * which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. * O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, * let Thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. * Delay not, O Blessed Lady, * to help me whenever I call on Thee, * for, in all my needs, in all my temptations * I shall never cease to call on Thee, * ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary,

Mary. * Oh, what consolation, * what sweetness, * what confidence * what emotion fills my soul * when I utter Thy sacred name, * or even only think of Thee. * I thank God for having given Thee, for my good, * so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. * But I will not be content with merely uttering Thy name; * let my love for Thee prompt me ever to hail Thee, * Mother of Perpetual Help.

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3

O Mother of Perpetual Help * Thou art the dispenser of all the gifts * which God grants to us miserable sinners, * and for this reason He has made Thee so powerful, so rich, and so bountiful, * in order that Thou mayest help us in our misery. * Thou art the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners * who have recourse to Thee * come to my aid. * I commend myself to Thee. * In Thy Hands I place my eternal salvation * and to Thee do I entrust my soul. * Count me among Thy most devoted servants, * take me under Thy protection, and it is

enough for me. * For, if Thou protect me, dear Mother * I fear nothing; * not from my sins, * because Thou wilt obtain for me the pardon of them; * nor from the devils, * because Thou art more powerful than all hell together; * nor even from Jesus, my Judge himself, * because by one prayer from Thee * He will be appeased. * But one thing I fear, * that in the hour of temptation * I may neglect to call on Thee * and thus perish miserably. * Obtain for me, then, the pardon of my sins, * love for Jesus, * final perseverance, * and the grace to have recourse to Thee, * O Mother of Perpetual Help.

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PILGRIM HYMN OF LOURDES

Immaculate Mary,
Our hearts are all thine,
Protect us Thy children
Who kneel at Thy shrine.

Chorus

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

MOTHER DEAR, OH PRAY FOR ME

1.

Mother dear, O pray for me,
Whilst far from Heaven and Thee
I wander in a fragile bark
O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from Thy throne,
So bright in bliss above,
Protect Thy child, and cheer my path
With Thy sweet smile of love.

Chorus

Mother dear, remember me,
And never cease Thy care,
Till in heaven eternally
Thy love and bliss I share.

2.

Mother dear, Oh, pray for me
Should pleasure's siren lay,
E'er tempt Thy child to wander far
From virtue's path away.
When thorns beset life's devious way
And darkling waters flow,
Then, Mary, aid Thy weeping child,
Thyself, a Mother show.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium!
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur; fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria;
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

TANTUM ERGO

Tantum, ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui.
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio,
Procedenti ab Utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply; Thy strength bestow.
To Thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three!
Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.

TANTUM ERGO

Down in adoration falling,
Lo, the Sacred Host we hail.
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally;
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty. Amen.

Priest—panem de coelo praestitisti eis; (Alleluia).

People — Omne delectamentum * in se habentem. (Alleluia.)

Priest—OREMUS: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

People—Amen.

Here earnestly plead with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the kind and generous Son of Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, to grant you the favors you seek, if these be for God's greater glory, and for the welfare of your own soul.

Priest—Thou hast given them bread from heaven; (Alleluia).

People—Replenished with all sweetness and delight. (Alleluia.)

Priest—LET US PRAY: O God, Who hast left us a remembrance of Thy Passion beneath the veils of this Sacrament; grant us, we pray, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy body and blood that we may enjoy the eternal fruits of Thy redemption: Thou Who livest and reignest world without end.

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THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God!

Blessed be His Holy Name!

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man!

Blessed be the name of Jesus!

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart!

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar!

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy!

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception!

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother!

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse!

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints!

To be sung by the congregation standing:

O MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

1

O Mother of Perpetual Help,
To Thee we come imploring help.
: Behold us here, from far and near,
To ask of Thee our help to be; :

2

Perpetual Help, we beg of Thee
Our souls from sin and sorrow free;
: Direct our wandering feet aright,
And be Thyself our own true light. :

3

And when this life is o'er for me,
This last request I ask of Thee:
: Obtain for me in heaven this grace,
To see my God there face to face. :

ACT OF CONSECRATION

Desiring to consecrate myself entirely to the service of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, from Whom, after God, I expect all help and assistance in life and in death, I unite myself to the members of this pious archconfraternity, which has been erected in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help.

As my special patron I choose the glorious St. Alphonsus, that he may obtain for me a true and lasting devotion to the ever Blessed Virgin, Who is honored by so sweet a name.

I promise moreover, to renew my consecration to the Mother of God and to St. Alphonsus at least once each month, and frequently to receive the Holy Sacraments.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, receive me as Thy servant, and grant that I may ever experience Thy constant motherly protection. I promise to have recourse to Thee in all my spiritual and temporal necessities.

My holy patron, St. Alphonsus, obtain for me the grace of an ardent love for Jesus Christ, and the grace of invoking the Mother of Perpetual Help.

LITANY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Queen conceived without the stain of original sin,
Queen of the most Holy Rosary,
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
O Mother of Perpetual Help, whose very name inspires confidence,

Pray for me

That I may love God with all my heart,
That I may in all things conform my will to that of thy Divine Son,
That I may always shun sin, the only real evil,
That I may always remember my last end,
That I may often and devoutly receive the sacraments,
That I may avoid every proximate occasion of sin,
That I may never neglect prayer,
That I may ever remember to invoke thee, particularly in time of temptation,
That I may always be victorious in the hour of temptation,
That I may generously pardon my enemies,
That I may arise quickly, should I have the misfortune of falling into mortal sin,
That I may courageously resist the seductions of evil companions,
That I may be strong against my own inconstancy,

Pray for me

That I may not delay my conversion from day to day,
That I may labor zealously to eradicate my evil habits,
That I may ever love and serve thee,
That I may lead others to love and serve thee,
That I may live and die in the friendship of God,
In all necessities of body and soul,
In sickness and pain,
In poverty and distress,
In persecution and abandonment,
In grief and dereliction of mind,
In time of war, famine and contagion,
In every danger of sin,
When assailed by the evil spirits,
When tempted by the allurements of a deceitful world,
When struggling against the inclinations of my corrupt nature,
When tempted against the holy virtue of purity,
When death is nigh,
When the loss of my senses will

Pray for me

warn me that my earthly career is at an end,
When the thought of my approaching dissolution will fill me with fear and terror,
When at the decisive hour of death, the evil spirit will endeavor to plunge my soul into despair,
When the minister of God will give me his last absolution and his last blessing,
When my friends and relations, surrounding my bed, moved with compassion, will i n v o k e thy clemency in my behalf,
When the world will vanish from my sight, and my heart will cease to beat,
When I shall yield my soul into the hands of its Creator,
When my soul will appear before its Sovereign Judge,
When the irrevocable sentence will be pronounced,
When I will be suffering in Purgatory, and sighing for the vision of God,

Pray for me

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

V. Pray for us, O Mother of Perpetual Help.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and merciful God, Who, in order to assist the human race, has willed the Blessed Virgin Mary to become the Mother of Thy only begotten Son, grant we beseech Thee, that by her intercession we may avoid the contagion of sin and serve Thee with a pure heart through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER
IN TEMPORAL WANTS

O Mother of Perpetual Help, numerous clients, continually surround Thy holy Picture, all imploring Thy mercy. All bless Thee as the assured help of the miserable; all feel the benefit of Thy maternal protection. With confidence, then do I present myself before Thee in my misery. See, dear Mother, the many evils to which we are exposed; see how numerous are our wants. Trials and sorrows often depress us; reverses of fortune and privations are grievous, bring misery into our homes; everywhere we meet the cross. Have pity, compassionate Mother on us and our families; especially in this my necessity (here mention it). Help me, O my Mother, in my distress; deliver me from all my ills; or if it be the will of God that I should suffer still longer, grant that I may endure all with love and patience. This grace I expect of Thee with confidence, because Thou art our Perpetual Help. Amen.

PRAYER
IN SPIRITUAL WANTS

O Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence I come before Thy sacred Picture, in order to invoke Thine aid. Thou hast seen the wounds which Jesus has been pleased to receive for our sake; Thou hast seen the Blood of Thy Son flowing for our salvation; Thou knowest how Thy Son desires to apply to us the fruit of His Redemption. Behold I cast myself at Thy feet, and pray Thee to obtain for my soul the grace I stand so much in need of. O Mary, most loving of all mothers, obtain for me from the heart of Jesus, the source of every good, this grace (here mention it). O Mother of Perpetual Help, Thou desirest our salvation far more than we ourselves; Thy Son has given Thee to us for our Mother; Thou hast Thyself chosen to be called Mother of Perpetual Help. I trust not in my merits but in Thy powerful intercession; I trust in Thy goodness; I trust in Thy motherly

love. Mother of Perpetual Help, for the love Thou bearest to Jesus, Thy Son and my Redeemer, for the love of Thy great servant Alphonsus, for the love of my soul, obtain for me the grace I ask of Thee. Amen.

PRAYER IN SICKNESS

O Dear Mother of Perpetual Help, behold how much I suffer from this my sickness. Together with the body my soul is also afflicted. I have not even strength to say a prayer as I ought to do. Nothing is able to give me any relief. Even the visit and compassion of my best friends does not give me any comfort. Hence, my courage begins to fail; impatience and sadness oppress my soul. In this my great distress I put all my trust in Thee, most tender of all mothers. Thy compassionate heart will certainly have pity on me; yes most merciful Mother, Thou wilt not forget Thy poor, afflicted child. Obtain, then, for me courage and strength, to accept all these trials from the hand of God with patience

and resignation. If it is for the good of my soul, grant that I may recover my former health; but if it is the will of God that I should suffer still longer, or that this sickness should lead me to a better life, I am perfectly resigned, for I am sure that Thou, O loving Mother, wilt obtain for me the grace to do whatever God demands of me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FINANCIAL AID

Realizing dear Mother Mary, that Thou art our Perpetual Help, not only in spiritual but likewise in temporal necessities, we approach Thee with submissive and humble hearts, because we have a childlike confidence in Thy power and goodness, beseeching Thee to assist us in our present financial worry. Owing to untoward circumstances which have arisen in our lives, we are in dire want and pecuniary embarrassment, being unable to meet our honest debts. We are not asking, dearest

Mother, for wealth, if possession of it, is not in accordance with the holy will of God; we merely beg for that assistance which will enable us to satisfy our pressing obligations. We believe, dear Mother, that Thou art the Queen of heaven and of earth, and as such the instrument and special dispensation of Thy Son Jesus Christ; that Thou hast acquired by virtue of Thy wonderful dignity, a sweet jurisdiction over all creation. We believe that Thou art not only rich and bountiful, but extremely kind and generous to all Thy loving children. We plead with Thee then, dear Mother, to obtain for us the help we so urgently need in our present financial difficulty. We thank Thee, dear Lady, and promise to publish far and wide, the marvels of Thy glorious Picture. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin and my Mother, Mary, to thee, who art the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the world, the Advocate, the Hope, and the Refuge of sinners, I have recourse to-day, I who am the most miserable of all. I render thee my most humble homage, O Great Queen, and I thank thee for all the graces thou hast obtained for me until now, and in particular for having saved me from hell which I have so often deserved. I love thee, O most Amiable Lady; and, for the love which I bear thee, I promise to serve thee always and do all in my power to make others also love thee. I place in thee all my hopes and I confide my salvation to thy care. Accept me for thy servant and receive me under thy mantle, O Mother of Mercy. And, since thou art so powerful with God, deliver me from all temptations, or, rather,

obtain for me the strength to triumph over them until death. Of thee, I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ; through thee I hope to die a good death. O my Mother, by the love which thou bearest to God, I beseech thee to help me at all times but especially at the last moment of my life. Leave me not, I beseech thee, until thou seest me safe in heaven, blessing thee and singing thy mercies for all eternity. Amen; so I hope; so may it be.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer for Those in the Armed Forces

O God of Mercy, You are our Father; we are Your children.

We need You to protect us now because our country is at war.

Those who are dear to us are in the midst of dangers. They are fighting for us and fighting for the country we love. We do not know for certain where they are, but You know, for You see them day and night. O Lord, protect them and care for them. If they are tired, give them strength. If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort. If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near to them just as You are near to us who pray for them.

Hasten the day, O God, when all Your children, of all races and nations, may be united in love and justice with one and another under their Father in Heaven, through Christ our Lord.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, we beg You, as the Queen of Peace and of Heaven and Earth, to protect and intercede for our boys and to be by their side in battle. If it is God's Holy Will, please bring them home soon, safe and sound to their loved ones. Should they be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice, obtain for them from Your Divine Son, the grace of a holy and happy death. St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church pray for them.

O Powerful and Immortal God have compassion upon us miserable sinners and upon the whole World. With bitter tears of repentance we invoke You to end all wars and grant us peace in the sacred name of the Holy Family. Amen.

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